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1. ARTICLE IN OCTOBER 16 RAND DAILY MAIL PAINTS PICTURE OF INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN BY SAG 'TO WIN OVER NEW AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC.' ARTICLE NOTES THAT SOUTH AFRICAN FONMIN, DR.HILGARD MULLER, HAD TALKS IN WASHINGTON WITH SENATORS MANSFIELD, FULBRIGHT, AND BENNETT. A CONVERSATION BETWEEN INFORMATION SECRETARY ESCHER RHOODIE AND SENATOR KENNEDY IS DESCRIBED AS 'MAJOR COUP'. MAIL SAYS RHOODIE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SPOKEN TO KENNEDY ABOUT 'STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF INDIAN OCEAN AND POSSIBLE FUTURE NORMALIZATION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES.' RHOODIE ALSO TALKED TO SENATORS MUSKIE AND GRIFFEN AND 'A LONG LIST OF CONGRESSMEN'.

2. MAIL MISTAKENLY LINKS CURRENT VISIT TO US BY OTHER SOUTH AFRICANS UNDER US-SA LEADER EXCHANGE PROGRAM AS PART OF GENERAL PROPAGANDA EFFORT BY SAG. ACCORDING TO MAIL, 'ALL THIS ACTIVITY APPEARS TO CONFIRM WASHINGTON GOSSIP THAT SOUTH AFRICA PLANS A MORE AGGRESSIVE APPROACH BY TAKING ITS CASE TO ITS CRITICS, INSTEAD OF FINDING SOLACE

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